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O' CHRISTMAS TREE-The University Christmas Tree stands just north of the student union. President Dean Hubbard led the lighting ceremony Tuesday night to welcome the holiday season to campus. (Photo by Brandon Russell)

#### Lighting kicks off holiday season

by Traci Todd

Assistant News Editor

"Let there be light." With those words, spoken by University President Dean Hubbard, the Christmas season was kicked off with the lighting of the

University Christmas Tree, Tues-

day, Nov. 27.

This is the second annual lighting of the tree, which is located north of the Student Union. The lighting was sponsored by Hubbard and his wife, Aleta, Student Senate and Environmental Services.

Approximately 100 people braved the 27-degree weather to witness the lighting of the tree, only 50 shy of last year's attendance. The Jazz Ensemble started the ceremony off by playing Christmas carols.

#### KC Symphony returns

Hold on to your seat. Prepare yourself if you can. One of Northwest's favorite performing groups is coming back to campus.

The Kansas City Symphony will be in concert Thursday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. This Northwest Encore Performances event will be held in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are currently on sale during the day at the Student Services Center, and at the Mary Linn Box Office from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Admission is \$3 for Northwest students and children 12 and under; \$5 for faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students; and \$7 for adults.

The Kansas City Symphony's program will include Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite," and Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral," by Beethoven. The "Mother Goose Suite" was originally written by Ravel for two children who studied piano. One of the two hated to practice, so he wrote music around her favorite nursery rhymes to capture her interest. He also wrote the pieces as duets, so she would have to play with her brother, who practiced faithfully. Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony will be familiar to everyone.

But the highlight of the evening will be featured soloist Tiberius Klausner on the violin.

Klausner, who as concertmaster of The Kansas City Symphony, is familiar to audiences as the gray-haired violinist who walks onstage before the conductor, will perform Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2. He describes the piece as "a great work which I like very much. It has a beautiful slow movement."

And about the composer he says: "I do not think you could say that I feel the same playing Prokofiev as I feel when I play Mozart. Prokofiev is a different ball game. He composed during Stalin's era, when politics dictated that the Russians could not do what composers in the West did. So Prokofiev's music does not have sound atonal like Berg's or Shoenberg's, even though it was written at the same time. It is tonal, but it is different."

William McGlaughlin will conduct The Symphony during all three numbers. McGlaughlin has been music director and conductor of the group since 1986. He captivates audiences each year with his affable style, as in recent appearances as guest conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Orchestra, the New Orleans Philharmonic, and in Alice Tully Hall in New York.

#### Policy tracks unofficial dropouts

by Steve Rhodes Staff Writer

A newly implemented policy could make unofficially dropping out of school an expensive activity for Northwest students.

The policy, designed by Director of Financial Assistance Jim Wyant, requires faculty to report students who are absent from every class for two consecutive weeks without explanation.

The creation of the policy was prompted by federal regulations published Dec. 1, 1987. This legislation required universities to determine the last date of attendance for all students who ceased going to class but failed to properly withdraw. Students failing into this category could cause the school to be held responsible for paying back any financial aid that they were receiving.

"It is difficult to determine when a student drops out," Wyant said. "If they cannot be accounted for when the University is audited, we could be held responsible for paying the government back. That is a big issue when you consider that nearly 80 percent of the students at Northwest receive financial aid."

In order to eliminate the chance of the University having to pay large sums of money Wyant designed the new plan which will require faculty to take attendance every class period. He said that only in this manner will it be possible to accurately trace when a student stopped attending his/her

Wyant also said he expected some faculty mem-

bers to be unhappy about having to take attendance.

"Some of the faculty members argue that the student is wasting his own money if they don't come to class," Wyant stated. "This isn't true. Even if students are receiving no aid, they still have a great deal of their costs paid for because of the University funding provided by the state. Thus it is the taxpayers that end up getting hurt."

The financial aid office will notify all students reported in order to determine the reason for their absences. If they intend to drop out of school without going through the proper withdrawal process they will be informed of the possibiltiy of having to pay back any financial aid they had

In addition to rectifying financial problems for both students and the University, Wyant hopes that the new policy will have academic advantages.

"Hopefully; even if students don't have financial aid the reports will prevent them from skipping class as often," Wyant said. "Institutionally, we should be concerned about all students not attending class."

The bottom line, Wyant said, was that the success of the new program would be determined by the degree of cooperation demonstrated by faculty

"I have done my part in making the policy, now it is up to the faculty whether it will work or not."

Wyant reported that the financial aid office has already received a number of reports and seemed pleased with the policy's progress thus far.

#### Hawkins says prowler a prank

by Jane Waske Staff Writer

Campus Safety and Maryville Public Safety were called to Perrin Hall on Nov. 17 to investigate reports of an alleged armed man in the building.

According to Campus Safety, they received notice from the Head Resident Assistant of a man with a knife in Perrin at 2:46 a.m. Apparently, an anonymous person had informed the HRA of a man armed with a knife walking around on the third floor.

However, the claims were later thought to be a prank, as the alleged armed man was never located, according to Campus Safety Director Jill Hawkins. Officials were able to speak with a third floor resident who claimed she and a male friend had had an argument, but said he did not have a knife and had since left the

"The man in question was a welcomed visitor and it wasn't until they had an argument, or a strong discussion, that there was some controversy, and then he left the building," Hawkins said

#### Frye talks on Browning's prediction

Browning's basis for Dec. 3 date lacks validity, raises questions

by Jodi Leseberg Assistant Features Editor

Dr. Charles Frye, associate professor of Geology/Geography, held a discussion Tuesday afternoon in Garrett Stong on the foundations for climatologist Iben Browning's predication of a 50 percent chance of an earthquake occuring along the New Madrid fault in Missouri.

"It is the responsibility of University faculty and staff to inform people with the facts, and that is what I'm doing," said Frye after the presentation. "It is important that people are aware of what Browning's basis for the prediction is and why geologists do not find much credibility in

According to Frye, there are three elements of earthquake predictions: location, intensity and time of future earthquakes.

Long term predictions include the possible location and estimated intensity of an earthquake. Short term predictions include the time when the earthquake can be expected.

Past history of earthquakes and

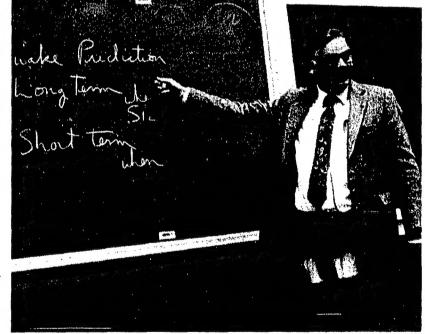


Iben Browning

evidence of earthquakes in the New Madrid fault area contribute to the long term prediction of a 50 percent chance of another damaging earthquake occuring in that area before the year 2000 and a 95 percent chance of an earthquake registering 6.0 or above on the richter scale occuring before the year 2020.

Short term predictions, like Browning's prediction, can possibly be made by recording the radon levels in water wells. Past evidence shows a correlation between high levels of radon and recorded earthquakes. Other methods can be used to make predictions as well. For instance, Browning claims that the lining up of the moon and sun on Dec. 3 will create a gravitational pull of the earth causing the New Madrid fault to rupture. However, there has been no past correlations between sun and moon line up and earthquakes.

Although Frye and many of his colleagues do not place much validity in Browning's prediction, at least one positive element has risen from Browning's prediction. "The people of Missouri are at least more aware now that earthquakes are possible in the



QUAKE TALK-Dr. Charles Frye points out the differences between long-term and short-term earthquake predictions. Frye spoke on Iben Browning's prediction Tuesday at Garrett Strong. (Photo by Scott Jenson)

state, not just in California," said Frye. "We now have a better look at our ability to prepare for earthquakes.

Depending on the intensity of an earthquake in the New Madrid area, Maryville could expect various sensations. According to Frye, an earthquake along the New Madrid fault measuring 8.0 or above could cause minor structual damage in Maryville.

Frye said in order to prepare for an earthquake, insurance would be helpful in rebuilding a home, but not in saving lives.

The presentation, "Earthquake Hazards in Missouri', was sponsored by the Geology/Geography department and the Culture of Quality.

For more information, see related stories in the Campus Life Special Section on earthquakes.

## EDITORIAL\_

#### OURVIEW

## Unofficial dropouts abuse tax money

Students who discontinue attending classes and fail to officially withdraw from the University may face stiff financial aid pay back penalties, and rightly so.

Students who receive educational loans, such as the Stafford or PLUS/SLS loans, then fail to attend classes are ripping off taxpayers. Some of these students seem to forget that someone else worked hard for this money they take for granted.

Fed up with funding absent students, the government has required the Office of Student Financial Assistance to determine the last date of attendance for all students who fail to officially withdraw from school.

Northwest faculty are now required to report students who miss two consecutive weeks of classes to the financial aid office. These students will be notified by mail that they should begin withdrawal procedures if they have chosen not to attend classes.

This policy will help save taxpayers, universities and students money. Universities can be held liable for repayment of loans when students stop attending classes if the institution is unable to verify the last date of attendance. In these cases the government assumes the student never attended classes and assumes the university should never have received the funds.

Even though a student may have used part of the money by attending classes half way through the semester before dropping out, the university may have to pay back the entire amount if it is unable to verify the day the student last attended classes.

The University must then try to retrieve the money from the student by withholding transcripts until the money is paid back.

Some students shrug off the loans since the government guarantees to repay the lending institution if the students fail to do so. However, the government can notify the Internal Revenue Service to withhold the student's tax refunds until the loan is repaid. The government can also garnish a student's wages.

If students would officially withdraw, they could protect themselves and the University from having to pay back money that was used. Another important reason for official withdrawal is the students would have a clean record versus the 0.0 grade point average they would have if they simply stop attending classes.

The federal government continues to slash educational funds in the name of a balanced budget while raising taxes at the same time. Free financial aid is becoming a scarce commodity. Students should not take advantage of taxpayers and universities by unofficially dropping classes without a second thought. By withdrawing they are helping themselves as well as others. Besides, there is probably someone else out there who would appreciate the unused money so they could earn a college degree.



#### LETTERS

#### Athletes inconsiderate of other diners

To the editor,

I am a senior at Northwest and have had things upset me in the past 3 1-2 years, but never so much that I wrote in about it. I have been on the Ala dine meal plan all except one semester. I was absolutely disgusted while on the 18-meal plan. I was not disgusted by the food, I was disgusted by the behavior of many of the athletes on the meal plan.

Everyday while I was on the meal plan I witnessed many of the athletes cutting in the front of the line. I went to the assistant dean of students, and he cooperatively contacted some coaches to try to solve the problem. We tried and tried, but the problem never ceased.

I spoke up to an athlete one time, and he rudely said, "I'm gonna go to the back. I'm just talking to a friend." Needless to say, he never went to the back of the line. This continued throughout the rest of the school year. I switched back to Ala dine this semester, not only because of the athletes, but that was a major

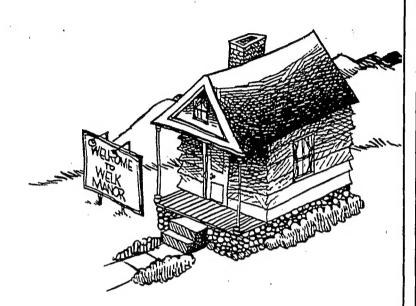
factor.

It upsets me that the same people that expect us to be in the stands cheering them on treat other students so poorly. The purpose of this letter is not to come down on all athletes, but rather to inform those who do cut in line that just because they are bigger does not mean they are better and to encourage them to go to the back of the line. This letter is also to urge the students not to let those who cut in line walk on them. Speak up. You have rights. Exercise them.

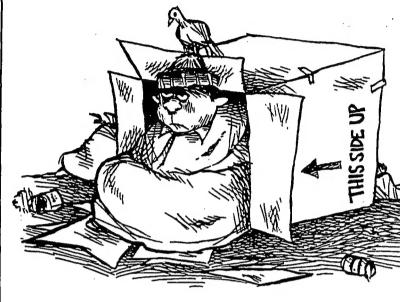
I want to note that I am aware athletes aren't the only ones who cut in line, others do, too. To them, please consider the rights of others. I also would like to note that I never once noticed a baseball player cut in line. In fact, they often spoke up to those who did. And for that, I am grateful. I would also like to note that the football and basketball teams lost a fan. I can't cheer for people who walked on me.

Sincerely, Sherri R. Adelman MORUSThe Red & Black

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#### Stroller reflects on holiday

Well, what happened to that long Thanksgiving break we all were looking forward to a mere week ago? I'll tell you what happened. Somehow five days turned into what felt like two, and we probably all gained at least 5 lbs. And don't we all feel better for it?

Things might have been different if the average college student could really enjoy a break from school rather than have to work on homework all week or worry about finals.

I didn't know it was getting to me so much until my parents asked me to say the prayer for Thanksgiving dinner. I started it as always, "Dear Lord, please bless this family and this food, but more than anything else, send me some rent money and let me live through my finals..." Of course, that sparked a family inquisition of "Honey, are you behind with your work? We thought you were just breezing through college..." Oooops.

Aside from that, the food was great, and we had a house full of people who all got along. Of course, those leftovers I was counting on to feed me for the rest of the semester were kind of sparce, but it wasn't from lack of trying. I think the family got the hint when I rationed out servings of our 20 lb. turkey.

No matter what people say about us, college students sure get to be economy conscious. I suggested charging the family \$5 a plate, but Mom said that just wouldn't be in the best interest of holiday spirit. (I was thinking about all the money we'd have for Christmas presents, isn't that holiday spirit?) I should have been a business major.

Seriously though, some things happened over break that made your campus crusader realize what the holiday is all about. It's not about the stress of upcoming finals or pending papers to write.

You see, a close friend of mine had a car accident the day after Thanksgiving, and it was one of those cases where the seatbelt saved a life.

Also, our family was informed that my cousin will be going to

Saudi Arabia on Dec. 5. It's too bad that things like this have to happen before we realize there is so much to be thankful for.

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Anyway, welcome back to what everyone terms 'the-not-so-real-world-but-it's-pretty-close.' Hopefully you had a great break.

Just remember my 'After Thanksgiving - Christmas Incentive Poem.' I think you will believe it is an original) WHEN THINGS LOOK BLEAK AND COLLEGE GETS YOU DOWN, PUT THOSE PAPERS AND THAT HOMEWORK DOWN. THINK OF ALL THAT YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO, LIKE THE EGG NOG, THE PRESENTS AND NEW YEAR'S EVE, TOO!

#### Reader addresses Homecoming problems

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter concerning the behavior at the Homecoming parade. The alumni who wrote the letter were voicing their displeasure at the students chanting "No more bands." While I in no way condone the actions of these select individuals, I think they have brought to light an issue that needs to be addressed.

While the Homecoming parade is for alumni and the surrounding community, it is also for the students at Northwest. After all, who puts in the time to organize the parade? Who builds the floats and clowns?

Students of Northwest are fed up with our parade being a band contest. This year's parade pushed it to the limit. In the midst of a torrential downpour, students tried to wait patiently to see their hard work make its way through the parade route. Frustration continually mounted, however, as every band from every rural town in the tri-state area played the same drum cadence and held up the parade.

I understand the importance and tradition of marching bands in a parade, but the floats and clowns are what we come to see. Each year the ratio of bands to float and clowns gets worse.

If the administration really wants to do something to improve the Homecoming parade, perhaps they should address the real issues afflicting it:

1. The rising prices of supplies and the shortage of suppliers are making the possibility of creating

floats increasingly difficult. Most organizations can't fund the \$2000 to \$3000 necessary to build the attractive floats the community expects.

2. While the businesses of Maryville claim to support our parade, they continually close their doors to organizations seeking assistance. Many organizations couldn't find a place to build a float this year because the businesses didn't want the hassle. (A special thanks, however, to John Deere, Drake Lumber, Kawasaki, and the Maryville Airport.)

The University needs to help organizations in finding lighted, enclosed areas to build floats. Dave Gieseke went out of his way for the organizations, but he can't do it all.

In summary, the University needs to quit wasting its energy on "zero tolerance" for misconduct and start expending some energy toward drumming up campus spirit and supporting the organizations who work hard to give their alumni something to come home to.

When the Homecoming parade becomes our parade, and not the band directors', then we will take pride in the performance of everyone involved. Until then, I guess we will stand by and try to whistle a happy tune as the Marching Gophers of Billings, Mont. High School clamor by.

Kenneth Miller IFC vice president Sigma Phi Epsilon



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#### Class prepares non-traditionals

by Tracy Lykins Staff Writer

Several years ago a class was created especially for nontraditional freshman students to help them adjust to college life.

Annelle Weymuth teaches the non-traditional Freshman Seminar class. The class follows the same syllabus as other Freshman Seminar classes but has more emphasis on study skills. Representatives from Financial Aid and Student Support Services have spoken to the class. They also do a social activity that involves the whole family.

"Unless the rest of the family is involved and can be supportive, it won't work," Weymuth

Weymuth said she does not think people realize what nontraditionals give up to come back to school.

"It is very difficult for them [non-traditional students] because most have commitments to jobs and family that they're trying to balance," she added. Many students describe their lives as "very structured."

Balancing family, work and school would be a tough task for any student, but Weymuth says the non-traditional students adapt well. "They learn real fast how to utilize their time efficiently and they typically do very well."

When the non-traditional student pays good money for a course, they expect to get something out of it, Weymuth said. "If I get complaints about teachers, it's mainly because they don't feel like they are getting everything they pay for."

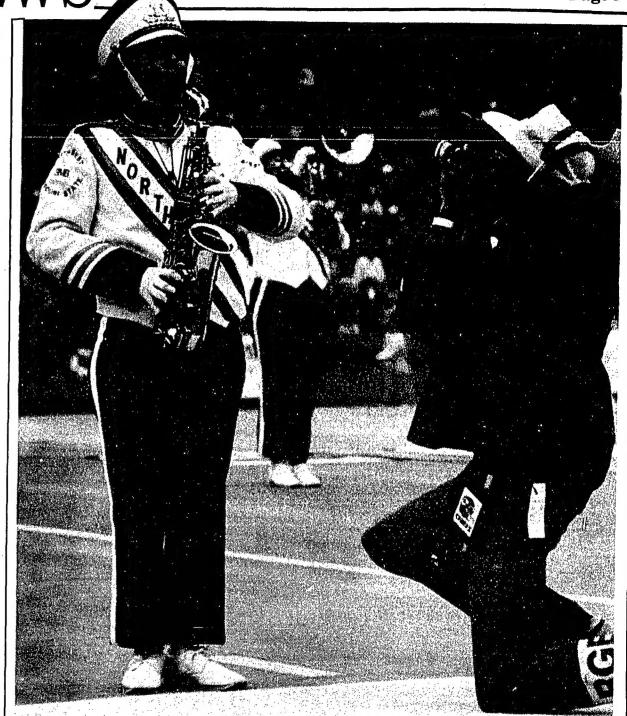
Weymuth said she had to change her teaching techniques for this class. "They don't take things at face value. They ask a lot of whys," she said. "But at the same time they like to do a lot of fun things."

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Weymuth said the president's position is to give non-traditional students a traditional education and she hasn't heard any complaints so far. "This class doesn't want special favors," she said.

"There seems to be a distorted image that the non-traditional student means female, and that's very inaccurate because onethird of my class is male," she said. "There's an image too that the women are all single parents, but they are not. Probably half of them are married."

Some students describe the class as a place to be themselves and "let their hair down" in a stress-free environment. The class also provides moral and emotional support.



#### **Showtime**

For use on the Chiefs' big screen scoreboard, Jodie Winter gets put into the camera's eye by an Arrowhead cameraman. The Bearcat Marching Band performed their halftime show at the Nov. 18 Chiefs' game against the San Diego Chargers. (Photo by

#### Student selected to state office

by Tonya Reser Staff Writer

Sophomore Class President Lisa Hubka was selected presiding officer of the Missouri State Student Network at a recent conference in Columbia.

Hubka, Dean of Students Denise Ottinger, Director of Maryville Public Safety Keith Wood, Quality of Life President Patt VanDyke and Franken Representative Sandra Norton attended the conference where Wood, Ottinger and VanDyke sat on a one hour-panel to share their ideas on public relations throughout the community and concerning the campus.

The three divided their outlooks on the problems; the have solved and the one needing to be solved, depending on the areas of their knowledge. The divisions were made in the areas where the students, the Quality of Life, According

were represented.

These people shared their ideas with other leaders and students from private, state and community colleges in Missouri. They told of the pamplets "Tips for he Wary Renter" and "Maryville: Our Home" that were released to the students, according to VanDyke.

"We know that students need something different from the community than what others might need. That is why we shared our ideas on improvement throughout the community. All colleges and universities have a problem with students living in unmaintained housing and we would like to see that done away with," VanDyke said.

Ottinger added that they are trying to work with the community and the student government to see to it that a middle ground,

found.
According to VanDyke, the

community and the authorities Quality of Life is concentrating on four points: education, consolidation, cooperation and service to reach that middle ground of understanding in the community.

> Everyone involved wants to see to it that students get safe and dependable places to live while students respect the rights of the citizens of Maryville, according to Ottinger.

> They are also planning a spring seminar to educate the students on renting property, what to look for in a quality home and how to make a good deal.

> "I was really pleased with the attendance and the interest during the discussion. It made me feel really good with some of the efforts we are making here," Wood said.

Student Senate will be keeping in touch with other schools to find out what is successful in their attempts to bring together their community and school.

#### Spoofhound Correction

The "Spoofhounds to march in Macy's Parade" story printed in the Nov. 15 issue of the North west 'Missourian was reported incorrectly.

The Maryville Marching Spoofhounds were invited to the parade by sending in their own video of the band performing. A separate two-minute video was sent to NBC as a result of the . band's acceptance into the parade, and in no way influenced

the band's participation in the event.

This video, edited by Jackie Banner and voiced-over by Kelli Watt, both Northwest students, appeared on NBC's Today Show on Thanksgiving Day.

The Missourian regrets the error.





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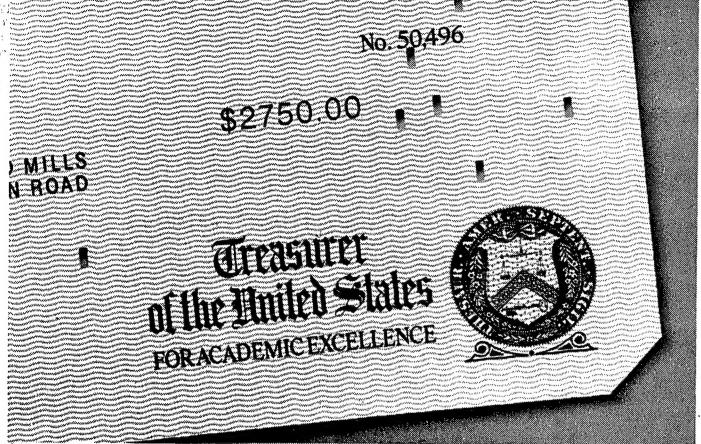




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#### **Opry comes to Northwest**

One of the most popular opry shows in southern Missouri is coming to campus. "Mainstreet Opry," from the Lake of the Ozarks, will bring their complete show to Maryville at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The show is being brought to campus by two Northwest student groups. Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity are sponsoring the event with the proceeds going to the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Foundation.

Tickets are \$5 for Northwest students and children 12 and under; \$6 for Northwest faculty and staff and senior citizens; and \$7 for the general public. There are no reserved seats for the show and a limited number of tickets are available.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

#### Homecoming awards announced

Delta Chi, Phi Mu and International Students Organization have all won the final and biggest awards in the 1990 Homecoming competition at Northwest.

The three student groups won the overall Homecoming supermacy awards. The trophies were handed out during the Bearcat basketball game against Mid-America Nazerene Tuesday, Nov.

The awards were given out to the fraternity, sorority and independent organization which complied the most points in the variety show, house decoration and clown competitions held during Homecoming.

#### Holiday favorites come to campus

Tickets are currently on sale for two popular holiday classics. "The Nutcracker" will be presented by Ballet Iowa at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for Northwest students and children 12 and under; \$7 for Northwest faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students; and \$9 for adults.

Limited tickets are available at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building and at the Mary Linn Box Office from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Yuletide Feaste will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8, in the Student Union Ballroom. Regular tickets are \$13.25. Tickets for Northwest students are \$9. Students on the meal program can buy tickets for \$8.

Tickets can be purchased at the department of music. Tickets for both performances need to be purchased by Monday, Dec. 3.

#### Deadline for military action approaching



Iraq will have until Jan. 15 to withdraw its troops from Kuwait before it faces the prospect of U.N.-authorized military action, the Soviet U.N. ambassador said

The measure, which will authorize all necessary means to get Iraq out of Kuwait after that deadline, is to be voted on today. The date after which a military strike could begin is the only unresolved issue in the draft measure, diplomats said.

Key Senate Democrats began drawing their own battle line with President George Bush on Tuesday by urging the administration to give sanctions against Iraq more time.

Senators also questioned openly whether the war would serve America's vital interests or not.

A parade of tearful Kuwaiti refugees testified Tuesday about the alleged atrocities being committed by Iraq forces.

Their testimony at the United Nations set the stage for a Security Council vote later this week to authorize the possible use of military force to liberate Kuwait.

"The hardest thing was the burying the babies," said Assa Ibrahim, a physician who testified about the treating or burying of hundreds of people wounded after the invasion. He said most of the dead were buried in mass graves.

After weeks of global politicking, U.S. officials have secured assurances from the four other members of the the Security Council - Soviet Union, Britian, France and China - on allowing "all neccessary means" to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait if Baghdad did not withdraw by mid-January.

(compiled from The Kansas City Star)

#### Textbook Services announces hours

Textbook Services hours for finals week, Dec. 14-19, are: Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students should return books during these hours to avoid paying fines.

#### **Culbertson speaks in Kansas City**

Dr. Robert Culbertson, vice president of academic affairs at Northwest, was a keynote speaker at the recent joint fall conference of the Missouri and Kansas Associations and the Mid-America Council of Public Purchasing held in Kansas City.

He spoke on "Ethics in Purchasing" and outlined how careful purchasing agents must not embark up the "Ladder of Corruption"--a path leading to personal relationships and conflicts of interest with vendors and ultimately illegal actions.

Culbertson was invited to address the convention by Wanda Auffert, director of purchasing at Northwest and president-elect of the Missouri Association of Purchasing.



Dr. Robert Culbertson

#### **Vocal groups to perform concert**

Three popular Northwest vocal groups will be performing their annual Christmas concert this weekend.

The Tower Choir, University Chorale and the Chordbusters will be in concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. There is no charge for admission.

#### PRSSA holds banquet

The Northwest chapter of Public Relations Student, Society of America will hold its annual fall banquet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Maryville Country Club. Featured guest speaker will be Greg Hatten, 1980 graduate of Northwest and the first graduate of the public relations program.

The cost of the banquet is \$8, which must be paid by Friday, Nov. 30. For reservations call Teresa Seitz at 562-5106 or Dr. Kathie Leeper at 562-1279.

**AROUND** the world

#### Major defeats opponents for position

John Major came out victorious in the three-way race for the office of prime minister of Britain.

Major fell two votes shy of an overall majority, but his opponents dropped out of the race in the name of party unity.

At age 47, Major is the youngest prime minister the country has had in this century.

#### Tornado hits Columbia

Unseasonably warm weather across Missouri led to heavy thunderstorms and tornadoes causing damage but no serious

The heaviest damage was reported in Columbia. More than 100 persons were left temporarily homeless after a tornado hit apartments, houses and businesses.

Another tornado damaged a boat storage area and mobile homes north of Warsaw at Truman Reservior.

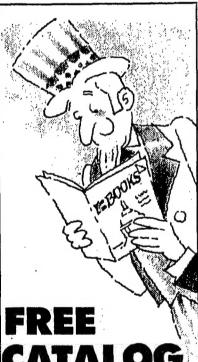
#### Patriots fined for harassment

The New England Patriots and three of its players will have to pay fines of \$72,500 for the alleged sexual harassment of reporter Lisa Olson

Zeke Mowatt was fined \$12,500, and Michael Timpson and Robert Perryman were each fined \$5,000 for their roles in the Sept. 17 incident.

The team was fined \$25,000 for not seeking the facts about what had happened. The Patriots were also ordered to pay \$25,000 for counseling on how to work with the media.

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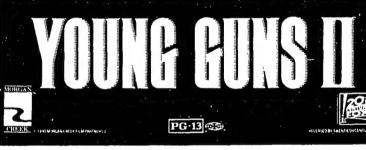
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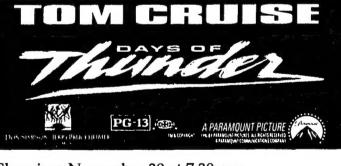


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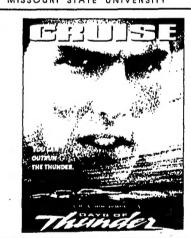


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## Cagers roll over Mid-America

#### Seven-footer held below average

by Gene Morris Managing Editor

Seven-footer Peter Martin of Mid-America Nazarene was held under 10 points by the Bearcat's fast-paced pressure defense Tuesday night in Lamkin Gym.

Martin, from Aukland, New Zealand, came into the game averaging 45 points. During the semifinals of the Northwest Nazarene Invitational last week, Martin scored 79 points with Mid-America Nazarene winning 141-131 in overtime.

The Bearcats' defense and Martin's mouth made things rough on Mid-America Nazarene. Martin was called for two technical fouls and was forced to spend the entire second half on the bench.

"I don't like to comment about the officiating," Martin said. "There is nothing you can do about it anyway. If I could go back and change something, I wouldn't open my mouth. It is hard to say that after the game is over though.

"I think it was a very, very physical game," Martin said. "We weren't able to control the middle the way had the past few weeks."

Bearcat Coach Steve Tappmeyer said he liked the way his defense contained Martin.

"I was pleased with the way we played against him," Tappmeyer said. "That was all part of our game plan. It shows the guys were thinking out there."

a laugher with a 49-25 lead going into halftime. Mid-America Nazarene erased the 24-point cushion in the second half. They outscored the Bearcats 47-38 in the

The Bearcats threatened to make the game

second half, but it was too little too late. The Bearcats held on for an 87-72 win. Defensively the Bearcats were on all night.

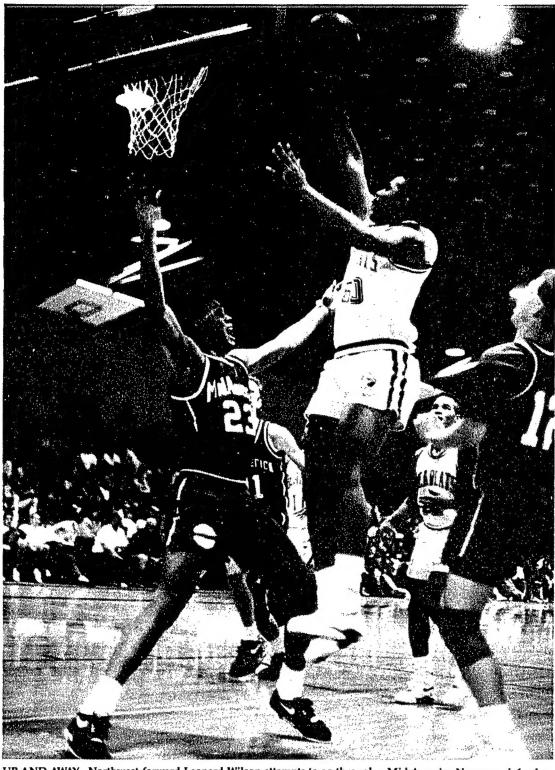
The Northwest defense caused 33 turnovers during the game. Guard Al Jackson had four steals while Kevin Shelvin and Larry Brown each had three steals.

While the speed helped Northwest defensively, it caused some problems offensively.

"I liked our speed at the defensive end," Tappmeyer said. "It is a great job when your defense causes 33 turnovers, but it hurts when you give the ball right back."

The Bearcats turned the ball over 29 times in the game. Guards Jackson and Shelvin each had eight turnovers.

Offensively the Bearcats were led by Larry Brown, Chris Johnson, Jackson and Shelvin. The four combined for 54 of the Bearcat's 87 points.



UP AND AWAY-Northwest forward Leonard Wilson attempts to go through a Mid-America Nazarene defender. Wilson contributed three points and five rebounds in the 87-72 victory over the Pioneers. (Photo by Scott Jenson)

Brown finished the game with 16 points, three steals and eight rebounds. Shelvin had 15 points, three steals and five rebounds.

Johnson had 12 points and three assists while Jackson had 11 points, four steals and

Playing against teams with taller players is nothing new for the Bearcats, according

to forward Larry Brown. 'Most people are taller than us, so we have to use our speed," said Brown, who led Northwest scorers with 16 points. "We just

have to go all out.",.... Mid-Anerica Nazarene was led offensively by Bill Elliott, who led all scorers with 19 points. Elliott also had three assists and three rebounds during the game.

The victory improved the Bearcats' record to 3-2 while making Mid-America Nazarene 4-3. The Bearcats' next home action is against Wayne State Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Lamkin Gym.

#### Best start since '84 for 'Kittens

by Gene Morris Managing Editor

The Bearkitten basketball team has won its first five games to put Coach Wayne Winstead over the 200th career victory mark.

The Bearkittens are off to their best start since 1984, when the team was 25-5, and finished second in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

Winstead's record at Northwest is 202-118. He is the winningest women's basketball coach in Northwest history and the winningest active womens coach in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

He has guided his team to 20 or more wins during three seasons and has only had one losing record.

The Bearkittens defeated Quincy College 74-64 Nov. 19 for Winstead's 200th career victory. Danae Wagner led the team offensively with 22 points and six rebounds.

Jamie Lindsay had 20 points and 10 rebounds while Chris Swanson had 14 points and six rebounds.

The Bearkittens swept their Florida trip this week with victories over Eckerd College and the University of Tampa.

They defeated Eckerd College 82-46. Wagner, Stacy Rockhold and Colleen White combined for 38 of the team's points.

Northwest gradually pulled away from the Lady Tritons, opening a 44-31 halftime lead and outscoring Eckerd 38-15 in the second half.

They defeated the University of Tampa 62-52 on Monday night. Lindsay and Wagner combined for 30 points and 19 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Jamie Lindsay's jumper with 16:21 remaining broke a 30-all deadlock, and boosted the Bearkittens to a 62-52 win over the Lady Spartans.

Lindsay's basket represented the first points of a 22-8 run that gave Northwest its biggest lead of the night.

The Bearkittens next home game is Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.



#### Football Forecasts

#### Gene Morris Managing Editor Joe Bowersox Tom Kruse Sports Editor Football Grad Asst

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Overall

Giants at 49ers

Rams Dolphins Seahawks Cotts Raiders Saints Chargers

8-6/5/%

77-50 / 60%

**Browns** Redskins Seahawks Colts... **Broncos** Cowboys

80-47 / 63%

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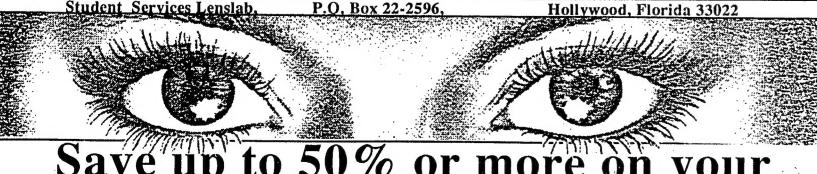




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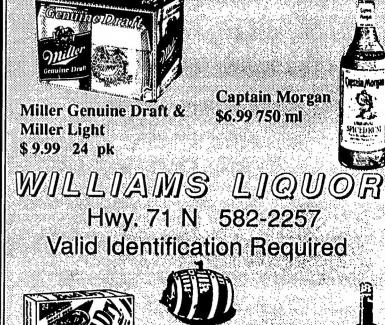
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#### Over the pickle barrel



by Joe Bowersox **Sports Editor** 

Once again, my buddies and I gathered around the pickle barrel to hash over the Îocal bowl pairings.

The pairings stink. If the bankers, bowl officials and athletic directors would keep their mouths shut and their promising handshakes to a minimum, we could have watched two teams play for the national title.

Instead, we get to watch No. 1 Colorado play Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl. Notre Dame committed to the Orange Bowl just before getting upset by Penn State.

This commitment sent everyone scrambling to get into the biggest bowl that they could find. Since Notre Dame was upset, the other games cannot feature the national championship game. The Ramblin' Wreck from

Georgia Tech is the only undefeated team in college football. Georgia Tech will be rated No.2 when they face Nebraska in the Florida Citrus Bowl. What a rip-off.

Nebraska just suffered their worst loss in 30 years to an upand-down Oklahoma squad. This same Oklahoma team lost to lowly Iowa State in Norman.

Baylor and Minnesota are the only teams with winning records that Nebraska has beaten. So why do they get to play the best team in the nation on Jan. 1?

Colorado and Georgia Tech should be allowed to play for the out-right title.

Louisville should be playing Miami for 3rd and 4th place. Louisville is the most underrated team in the nation.

Louisville has played a strong schedule and managed to pull out nine wins and only one loss.

If it's any consolation, Miami will play in the best bowl of the year. Texas will be the Hurricanes' opponent in the Cotton Bowl.

Texas supports a stingy defense against Miami's speedy offense.

Another team that makes me ill is Virginia. At one time, Virginia had the leading Heisman candidate and a No. 1 ranking.

Virginia is no longer rated in the Associated Press Top 25, and they have to be the worst

team to ever play on Jan 1.

The only bowl that cannot be influenced by politics is the Rose Bowl. "The granddaddy of them all" hosts the Big Ten and Pac Ten champions.

Iowa faces Washington for

Iowa has a potent ground attack, and the best defense in the Big Ten. Washington uses their speed, like most West coast teams.

The only problem with the Rose Bowl is that there is no open end. If Iowa or Washington were ranked in the AP Top 4, they would not be able to play a higher-rated team, unless it came from the other conference.

I hope the bowl officials enjoy the late season upsets. It should prove to them that they should try to get two equally-matched teams instead of big name flops.

I had finally reached the bottom of the barrel, and decided to take one last dip into the the pickles.

From deep in the bottom of the barrel, I found an interesting tidbit. Did you know that Chiefs stars Deron Cherry and Nick Lowery were not drafted out of college?

## 'Cats place 3 on All-MIAA

#### Svehla picked for third time

by Jeff T. Behney Staff Writer

The 1990 Bearcat's placed three players on the All-MÎAA football team. Ed Tillison, Dave Svehla and Erik Petersen were voted to the first team by the league coaches.

Tillison earned his first-team spot despite missing three conference games with a knee

"After missing three games this season, I really didn't know if I would be picked," Tillison said. "I felt I had a chance, but I didn't really think I would be placed on the All-MIAA football team."

Tillison led the 'Cats in rushing, gaining 913 yards in eight games. Tillison finished second in the MIAA with an average of 114 yards per game.

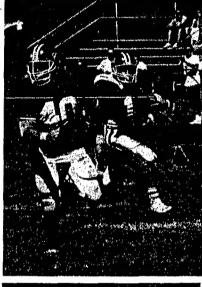
Tillison's 272-yard performance against Kearney State was the second-best single-game rushing performance in Northwest history.

"Receiving the award means a lot to me. I have an extra year to play and that helps my status," said Tillison.

Tillison ended the year with a 6.5 yards-per-carry average. Tillison was also 2nd on the team in scoring.

Svehla was a unanimous selection for the first team. Svehla earned first-team honors for the third straight season. He was named to the All-American squad last season.

Svehla was unsure of his chances of being chosen this year after the disappointing season.



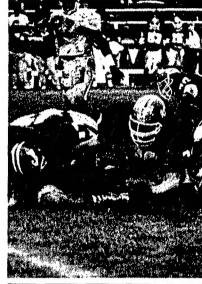
"Receiving the award is meaningful..."

-Dave Svehla linebacker



"Receiving the award means a lot to me."

> -Ed Tillison fullback



"All the hard work has payed off for me."

> -Erik Petersen defensive end

"I've been on the first team for the last two years. You never know what's going to happen when the team goes 2-8-1 on the season," he said.

Svehla led the Bearcats in tackles for the third straight season with 126. Svehla also recovered two fumbles and one interception, with four other pass break-ups.

"Receiving the award was meaningful since I'm a senior. It's good to see something positive come out of a season that didn't have too many things come of it," Svehla said.

Petersen was the team leader with nine quarterback sacks and five tackles for loss for the second year in a row. Petersen had seven pass break-ups and two blocked kicks.

Petersen was happy to be picked and thought it was quite an honor since the team did not do so well this past season.

"Petersen is one of the top players in the conference for quarterback sacks," said Coach Bud Elliott. Hard work and dedication

payed off for Peterson, "Last year

Jeremy Wilson, Greg Sykes

I received the honor. I worked hard during the summer and during off season. All the hard work has payed off for me."

"Obviously, they are the three best we had this year," said Elliott. "They still had a good year despite our record."

Mike Hulen, Todd Gray and Jason Agee were named to the second team. Agee was named to the All-Conference team last

and George Dousharm received honorable mention.

## talk

#### Record profit for baseball

Baseball owners made more money in 1989 than ever before, according to financial figures obtained by The Assosiated Press. Operating profits increased by 75 percent in 1989 to a record

\$214.5 million. It was the sixth consecutive season baseball teams increased their operating profits.

The figures were obtained by AP from two sources on the condition that they not be identified.

#### Northwest sweeps Ryland Milner Invitational

by Joe Bowersox Sports Editor

The Northwest men's and women's basketball teams recorded two victories in the Ryland Milner Invitational.

The Bearkittens received a solid effort from Danae Wagner enroute to a 99-48 victory over the University of Dubuque. Wagner poured in 26 points for the 'Kittens.

In the second game, Wagner again paced the 'Kittens with a 23-point performance. The Bearkittens rolled over William Penn, 83-51.

Wagner tied a Ryland Milner record for most field goals made. Wagner chipped in 23 in the two

The Bearkittens established new records in single-game scoring and total scoring. Northwest's 99 points breaks a ten-year mark.

The Bearcats defeated Grand View College 80-64, in the opening game.

The 'Cats were led by Larry Brown, who scored 20 points in his first game as a Bearcat. Junior Chris Johnson chipped in 17 points.

Northwest created 26 Grand View turnovers.

The 'Cats never trailed in a 75-62 victory over Peru State. Leonard Wilson and Chris Johnson led the Bearcats in scoring with 14 points each.

#### 1990 Men's All-Milner Team

Northwest(MVP) Jarrod Harrell,

Northwest

Leonard Wilson, Northwest

Brett Richards, Peru State

Garrett Mann,

Peru State Ardis Gardner.

Grand View

1990 Women's All-Milner Team

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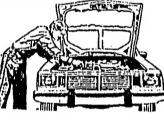
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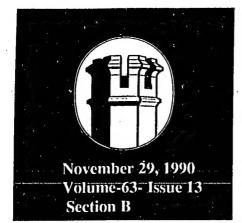
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Flashback-Dec. 16, 1811

Earthquake activity measuring 8.6 on the Richter scale began in the area surrounding the New Madrid fault line in Southeastern Missouri where the state borders Tennessee and Kentucky. Sources said it was the "biggest earthquake in North America in historic times."

The magnitude of the initial earthquake activity caused extensive damage to the land around the fault

line, destroying log cabins in the sparsely populated area. Many settlers were killed or injured. Forests were flattened. Tremors were felt throughout the Northeastern United States and parts of Canada. Plaster in buildings in Richmond, Va., cracked. Pavement cracked in the District of Columbia. Church bells rang in Boston. And some sources say the earthquake caused the Mississippi River to flow backwards, dispelling water and forming new lakes.

The activity that began on Dec. 16, 1811, continued throughout the new year with two equally intense earthquakes occurring on Jan. 23 and Feb. 7, 1812. The series of earthquakes had respective estimated magnitudes of 8.6, 8.4 and 8.7 on the Richter scale.

Sept. 26, 1990

A large portion of Eastern Missouri was shaken by earthquake activity along the New Madrid seismic zone.

The earthquake, measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale, was reported being felt as north as St. Louis and Hannibal. No injuries or damages were reported.

Flash forward-Dec. 3, 1990

The earthquake predicted to occur along the New Madrid fault line hit today and was estimated have reached 7.1 on the Richter scale.

Extensive and total damage has been reported in Southeastern Missouri and Western Tennesse, h cluding the St. Louis and Memphis metropolitan areas. Damage estimates are in the million

cinity has been declared a disaster area. The number of casualties has yet to be determined.

#### Other predictions made by Iben Browning

\*Climate led to the French and Indian War, the American Revolution and the social unrest. the 60s.

\*People become humanitarians in warm weather.

\*"Communism was founded in warm weather. Now it's getting colder...They think comp nism failed. No, the weather failed."

In addition to voicing these views, the climatologist made two more predictions:

\*By the end of 1992, the United States will be in the worst depression it has known.

\*The year 2008 is going to be terrible.

Viewpoints cited in Kansas City Star from a speech made in St. Louis on Nov. 15 by Bros

#### What is a Richter scale?

The Richter scale of earthquake magnitude is a measure of energy released at the source of an earthquake deep within the earth. It is determined by measuring the amplitudes of ground motion on seismograms. An earthquake has a fixed amount of energy and only or Richter magnitude.

Every two units on the Richter scale represents 1,000 times more energy, and every two-tenths of a unit represents double the energy

#### Earthquake classification on the Richter scale:

1.0 to 2.9: Probably will not be felt by most people: No damage.

3.0 to 3.9: Minor shaking, can be barely felt. No damage.

4.0 to 4.9: Tremors can be felt several miles away. Very minor damage may occur.

5.0 to 5.9: Fairly strong shaking and there's no doubt that it's an earthquake. Some damage will be reported.

6.0 to 6.9: A "moderate" earthquake with widespread damage. Injuries or deaths may result. 7.0 to 7.75: A "major" earthquake in which most man-made structures will be damaged.

7.76 and above: A "great" earthquake in which the damage and destruction are nearly total. Almost all man-made structures will be

be severely damaged.

Information compiled from Earthquake Preparedness and Response Workbook, American Red Cross.

he mention of earthquakes causes most Americans to think of California and the constant threat of destruction along the San Andreas fault line. Americans are accustomed to hearing about the possibility of California falling off into the ocean. In fact, most Americans think the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906 was the largest recorded earthquake in history. However, according to geologists, the earthquakes that occurred along the New Madrid fault line in 1811 and 1812 were more extensive.

Today, geologists record an average of one small quake every 48 hours in the area surrounding New Madrid, Mo.

Geologists who have done extensive research on this area said it is susceptible to earthquake activity due to the fact that the oldest and strongest rock in he continental crust is being activated constantly by plate tectonics (the movement of layers of crust below the earth's surface). This makes the conditions xtremely favorable for an earthquake to occur at any time.

It is for this reason that Iben Browning's recent earthquake prediction has caused a great stir. According to Browning, a 72-year-old New Mexico climatologist and business consultant, there is a 50 percent chance for an earthquake of a magnitude of 6.5 to 7.5 to occur in the New Madrid region 250 kilometers southeast of St. Louis between Dec. 1 and 5. His specific prediction is Dec. 3.

Browning's prediction has gained credence due to news reports which credit him with predicting the earthquake in the San Francisco bay area last October. However, investigations of his "track record" by the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) have shown that his prediction of last October's earthquake was vague and misleading.

"The prediction made no mention of the North American continent much less the Bay area," officials from NEPEC said. A report issued by NEPEC said Browning's Oct. 17, 1989, prediction said an earthquake would occur near that date, but did not specify where it would The report also pointed out that on the average an earthquake of that size strikes somewhere around the world once every three days.

Faculty members of the Northwest geology/geography department have been following the recent earthquake scare. They agreed the area is indeed susceptible to another catastrophic earthquake, but they said one could occur at any time.

"We know there will be another large-scale earthquake in that area sometime," Christine Mennicke, instructor of geology/geography, said, "but it could occur at any given time in the next 20 years. The point is, he really hasn't predicted anything we don't already know.

However, it might be a good thing that he has put a date on it," she added. "People should be aware of the great potenal the area has for earthquake activity."

Browning's methods of prediction have been scrutinized in the past few weeks. Objections have been made in several ublished reports as to the mentality of his prediction.

"There does not seem to be a theoretical basis for this prediction," NEPEC officials said. "In fact, it appears theoretically impossible."

NEPEC backed up this statement with evidence showing that crustal activity beneath the surface of the fault line is virtually the same as it has been in recent years. They found "no dramatic change" in conditions that have been present for a number of years.

Other earthquake experts throughout the nation have evaluated Browning's predictions and have concluded that his methods are "no more accurate than random guessing,"

The Kansas City Star quoted an earth sciences professor at the University of California-San Diego on his lew of Browning's earthquake predictions.

"You could select the dates by throwing darts at a calendar, and you could do as well as Dr. Browning has done," Duncan Agnew said.

Richard Felton, assistant professor of geology at Northwest, said he agrees with NEPEC

"The methods Browning uses to predict these earthquakes are readily disputed by most researchers in the field," he said. "I haven't seen any real compelling evidence to verify the Dec. 3 prediction. No one has ever successfully predicted an earthquake

> with the accuracy this man is boasting." Charles Frye, chairman of the Northwest geology/geography department, agreed

with his colleagues, but said the prediction has had some positive effects. "People living in the area surrounding the New Madrid fault line need to take a ard look at earthquake possibilities and be prepared. They do that everyday in San Francisco and Los Angeles. This prediction has caused quite a scare and the people are probably more prepared because of it."

Despite any positive aspects this recent prediction may have, Browning's credibility is suffering due to some of his unorthodox

The Star cited a speech in St. Louis on Nov. 15 where Browning ffered the following unconventional viewpoints:

\*Climate led to the French and Indian War, the American Revolu-

tion and the social unrest of the 60s.

\*People become humanitarians in warm weather.

\*"Communism was founded in warm weather. Now it's getting colder...They think communism failed. No, the weather failed." In addition to voicing these views, the climatologist made two

\*By the end of 1992, the United States will be in the worst depres-

sion it has known. \*The year 2008 is going to be terrible.

more predictions:



## New Madrid, Center of Attention

by Jodi Leseberg Assistant Feature Editor

quake predicted for Dec. 3 hits New Madrid, the town of 3,300 has already found itself shaken up by media attention.

"The town has literally been plagued with t.v. crews from all over the United States," Sara Kindhart, a secretary at the Bank of

New Madrid, said. Kindhart said all the major networks are represented in New Madrid and that as far as a hotel room there was nothing available

within a 120 mile radius. "So," Kindhart said, "they are definitely in full force." The museum in New Madrid

"The museum will be swamped over with them (reporters), Margaret Goca, tour guide/secretary of the museum, said. Goca commented that New Madrid has reporters coming from as far away as that's a source of 40 gallons of wa- was not uncommon for New Madrid beginning of it and as it rumbled

Q & A:

Do you think

the predicted

earthquake

will occur?

remain open Dec. 3, the New Madrid school system plans to close. The school system is comare closing Dec. 3 and 4.

"The school will close but not because of the fear of the earthquake," City Administrator Don Lloyd said. "The schools will close because of revenue."

Lloyd explained the schools expected a high absentee on the prediction date, causing a revenue of bricks.

Although the schools are not closing because of a possible earthquake, Lloyd said the town of New Madrid is taking steps to prepare in case of the predicted disaster.

A town meeting was held to the possible quake.

off the gas if need be and everyone is suppose to be preparing sort of an earthquake kit," Kindhart said. "They suggested that everyone buy will be the headquarters for the a trash barrel and stock it with a change of clothes and canned foods, blankets, first aid kit and water."

Kindhart said they also suggested the townpeople strap their hot water heaters to the wall so it ter, so if we did have an emergency that could be our lifeline to water."

Madrid with the force predicted some of the concerns of the towns-

bricks and families not being able dicted for the area.

"I think the town is concerned "Of course I work in a two-story brick building and I worry personally about being buried under a ton

people I work with is being able to anywhere around here." get back to their family," Kindhart added. "We're right on the Mississippi River and there is a levy."

According to Kindhart, the Mississippi is not high so some people affect the town.

"There are other people who on it." feel like the Mississippi has channels way back under the town of experienced an earthquake until New Madrid and it would just take she moved to the New Madrid area. something like this for them to break through," she said. "That's earth kind of roll and you can feel strictly folk lore. But a lot of people and hear the ground roll under your in town feel that way. They are house," she said. "It sounds like a

scared of what could happen." pre-tremors in New Madrid in the or a loud explosion. The last one doesn't tip over. "They said that past month. Although Lloyd said it we had had a boom at the very to have small quakes, he said the you could hear it roll through and tremors were "getting more atten- as the rumble got further away you If the earthquake should hit New tion now because of the predic- knew it was moving in another di-

Some people who have lived in prised of five different towns and people are fires from gas crup- New Madrid all their lives said "very scary feeling."

bank goes to Florida every winter. about the gas probably more so He is coming back this year," Kindthan some things," Kindhart said. hart said. "He says if it's going to

Kindhart also added that some of the townspeople are leaving town for about 10 days because of the "The major concern with the prediction. "They don't want to be

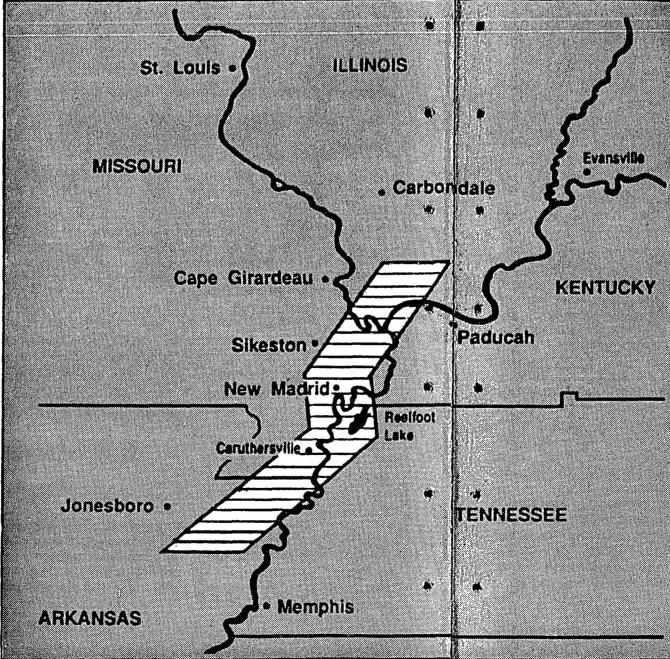
Lloyd said he believed the general consensus of the townspeople on the quake was that they have always lived with the knowledge that a major earthquake could inform and prepare the citizens for feel if it would break it would not happen, but "nobody has been concerned until someone put a date

Kindhart said she had never

"It's amazing. You can feel the wave. You can feel it. The first Lloyd said there has been two thing you hear is usually a rumble rection.

Kindhart added that it was a

## E A R T H Q U A K E S



## Area schools prepare for earthquake; agents report raise in insurance sales

Although the chance of major earthquake damage in Northwest Missouri may be remote, some people are taking no chances.

Schools in North Kansas City have taken out earthquake insurance, according to Don Nelson, assistant superintendant of business and finance of the North Kansas City school district.

"We thought that there was some risk and we did not have insurance on our buildings," he said. "A lot of school districts around here have had earthquake insurance for a number of years. and with all the seimographic activity that has taken place we wanted some protection for our buildings and their contents."

Northwest also has earthquake insurance, according to Ray Quarter, who handles Northwest's insurance. Northwest is covered for earthquakes under a policy it bought in 1982. This policy covers all property damage caused by natural disasters, including earth-

According to Gary McClain, an American family insurance in Maryville, schools aren't the only ones who are buying carthquake

clients with homeowners insurance have added earthquake insurance," he said. "I am adding about four or

five new policies a day." Buying insurance is not the only thing people are doing to prepare for the carthquake, some schools and agencies are conducting drills.

Don Ransom, district administrator for the St. Joseph public schools said St. Joseph schools have conducted drills. "Last year we decided there

was a need for earthquake drills, since Missouri is a prime target for earthquakes," he said. "We implemented a program a year ago which includes education on earthquakes and earthquake drills." According to the public works

department in St. Joseph, the city is also being prepared by making sure its trucks and heavy equipment are fueled and ready to go, in case the electricity goes out and they can't pump fuel. Other towns have also been con-

ducting drills. Jane Snelling, executive assistant of the Emergency Managing Agency of Evansville and Vandburgh counties in Indiana said those two counties conducted a drill during the weekend of Nov. 17 and 18 in which paramedics, firefighters and trained dogs practiced pulling "victims"

out of collapsed buildings and ins, head of campus safety, said

involved in our drill," she said. a disaster plan. This plan dictates and medical and search and rescue gency, such as a natural disaster. teams practiced finding them, The plan, entitled the Emergency

not conducted drills, they are pre- other necessary things to the people pared for an earthquake. Jill Hawk- of Nodaway County.

"We had around 1500 people safety and other state agencies have

"We had volunteers play victims, what to do in case of an emerpulling them out, and giving them Preparedness Plan of Nodaway County, sets up emergency supply While the city of Maryville has lines to distribute food, water and

While Maryville Public Safety they along with Maryville Public has been readying fon an earthquake, the Maryville public schools

have not. According to the superintendant, they have conducted for any type of catastrophe, including earthquakes.



UNDER COVER-In preparation for the predicted Dec. 3 earthquake, Horace Mann students seek shelter by huddling under their desks. The earthquake drill was held Wednesday morning at Brown Hall. (Photo by Dawnette Plumb)

## EARTHQUAKE GLOSSARY

Earthquake: an earthquake is a sudden, rapid shaking of the

Earth caused by the release of energy stored in rocks. Tremor: A quivering or vibratory motion Epicenter: A part of the Earth's center directly above the place as

earthquake's energy is released. Fault: A fault is a crack in rock or soil along which earthquake

movement has taken place. Liquefaction: The process in which soil or sand suddenly loses the properties of solid material and instead behaves like a liquid.

Seismic: Of, subject to, or caused by as earthquake. Aftershock: An earthquake which follows a major quake and is

Retrofitting: To add safety features to a structure that were

not available, or used, at time of construction. Earthquake Intensity: A measure of ground shaking based on damage to structures and changes felt and observed by humans. It is expressed in Roman numerals on the Mercalli scale,

Earthquake Magnitude: A measure of the amount of energy released by as earthquake. It is expressed in Arabic numerals on

Richter scale: A measure of the energy released at the source of an earthquake deep within Earth.

Mercalli Scale: A measure of the intensity of as earthquake based on it's effect on the Earth, man, and structures. Map and glossary courtesy of the American Red Cross.

"If it happens it

will only be for

nothing we can

-Dan Lucas

freshman

30 seconds....

do to stop it."

## nen the Hart MMINTURY

## Voices from the past

by Jodi Leseberg Assistant Feature Editor

L he following passages are personal accounts of probable earthquakes in the mid 1800's.

Excerpts from Sarah Alice Adams Payne's diary, 1871. The following passage was written when she was seven-years-old and living near Sonora, Mo., on the banks of the Nishnabotna River. Sonora does not exist today. It's quakes. settlers were forced to move after the river cut a different course driving river boats away from Sonora's dry landings. The railroad laid further to the east and became the new method of transportation which lured the townspeople to settle in what is known today as Watson, located in northwest Mis-

"Went to town today. The church bell rung with no wind at all. Doc said the windows rattled and the building shook. Many people talked near the landing said the same." "...Got to home and Ma found

Lola's bowl broke..." "...Jesse talked of a quake. I did not feel a thing. Just heared (sic) the church bell ring; Ma is

David Miller, Barboursville, Ky,

to Elisha Payne, Dubois, In., 1854.

the sugar bowl on the floor and

tonight ravin' (sic) of the bowls ... " Excerpt from letter written by

ing of the Earth here last sundanite two hours before day..."

Although the effects of these small intensity earthquakes were described and written down long ago, the quakes were not recorded. According to Richard Felton, assistant professor of Geology/Geography, it is possible what these people described were indeed earth-

Many carthquakes that may have occurred after North America was settled by Pilgrams have been described in diaries and letters of American pioneers. Before 1880, attempts to record earthquakes were aimed at showing only that a quake had occurred. The recording devices were called seismoscope which often indicated the direction of the quake and determined its amplitude.

At the end of the nineteenth century, modern observational seismology opened up in Japan with horizontal pendulum seismographs that recorded seismic waves continuously on a moving strip of

At the turn of the century, instruments with more suitable magnification, timekeeping and recording characteristics were constructed, and so began the modern field of seismology. Scismologists, geologists, ge-

ographers and even archeologists continue to probe the earth look-(sic) at dark and next morning ing for clues of possible past earthquakes. Evidence complied helps to narrow the gap between the known and unknown.

According to Dr. Charles Frye, associate professor/chairperson of Geology/Geography at Northwest, historical evidence is helpful in predicting possible future earth-

The records of earthquakes have come a long way since Sarah Payne's diary and David Miller's letter. Over the next 150 years, seismologists will be further equipped with advancing technology and able to make short term predictions with records of earthquakes in this century.





ABONE-Sarah Alice Adams and Jesse Jackson Payne II on their wedding day, 1884 (Photo courtesy of Marjorie Barnhart)

LEFI As a seven-year-old girl, Sarah Alice Adams Payne described what was problibly an earthquake in 1871. (Photo courtesy of Marjorie Barnhart)

#### Fault line crosses five states

The New Madrid Fault extends 120 miles south from the area of Charleston, Mo., and Cairo, Ill., through New Madrid and Caruthersville, following Interstate 55 to Blytheville and down to Marked Tree, Ark. The fault crosses five state lines and cuts across the Mississippi River in three places and the Ohio River in two places.

-Earthquake Preparedness and Response Workbook, American Red Cross

#### Northwest student shakes off prediction

Terry is from St. Clair, Mo., a small town about 50 miles east of St. Louis. According to her, most citizens there are not taking the prediction very seriously.

"I know that some people have put some food aside, but most of them aren't taking it too seriously. I haven't noticed any real changes in the people. They all just are basically aware of the situation but aren't going crazy about it," she said.

"When I was home, there was an article in the paper about Browning. Once predicted an earthquake in Mexico, but didn't know exactly when and then he predicted an earthquake would happen within a two week time period but didn't know where, and there was a quake overseas somewhere," she said. "I would take it more seriously if the prediction was made by someone more reliable and the person had some reliable evidence that one

As the December 3-date approaches, Terry said, the event will more than likely become more publicized and, in turn, cause more people to be more concerned with

"People at home are concerned cerned. We have had a few tremors and I know that one is going to happen sometime, but I don't think it is possible for someone to pinpoint the date and time like he

Even so, some members of Terry's family, although partially jokingly, are making some prepa-

"When I got home, there were jugs full of water under my bed. I asked my step-mother what they were for and she told me they were her earthquake provisions," said Terry. "There were only six jugs though, and that wouldn't go very



" Haven't heard about it." -Kevin Spalti freshman



" If it does I hope I'm not in Roberta at the time."

-Becky Wing sophomore



"Yeah, probably it will happen, because everybody says it is." -Mark Benson freshman

## MISSOURIAN

10) Sisters of Mercy - Vision

9) Insprial Carpets - Life

8) Hindu Love Gods - Hindu

7) Darling Buds - Carwdaddy

6) Soul Asylum - Soul Asylum

5) The Replacements - All

4) Redd Kross - Third Eye

3) Cocteau Twins - Heaven or

2) Jane's Addiction - Ritual de

1) The Cure - Mixed Up

Power 10

9) Poison - Something to Be-

8) Vaughn Brothers - Tele-

7) Scorpions - Tease Me,

6) Robert Palmer - You're

5) Bad Company - If You

4) Travelling Wilburys - She's

3) ZZ Top - My Head's in Mis-

1) Steve Winwood - One and

2) Black Crowes - Hard to

Needed Somebody

10) Cinderella - Shelter Me

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#### L.T. Horton

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by Michael Fry

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#### November 29, 1990

Kansas City Symphony Mary Linn PAC - 7:30 p.m. Caps Film: Young Guns II The Dugout - 7:30 p.m. Jerry Bortner Raquetball Tourney - Lamkin Gym IFC Meeting

Northwest Room - 4:30 p.m. Panhellenic Council Meeting Stockman Room - 4:30 p.m. BSU Bible Study BSU - 8:30 p.m.

#### November 30, 1990

Ed Pramuk exhibit closes DeLuce Gallery Caps Film: Days of Thunder The Dugout - 7:30 p.m. Main Street Opry Benefit Show Mary Linn PAC - 7:30 p.m. Jerry Bortner Tournament Lamkin Gym ISO Meeting Third Floor Union - 7 p.m.

#### EVENTS

#### December 1, 1990

**C-Base Test** Colden Hall 228 - 8 a.m. Caps/RHA Dance Spanish Den - 7:30 p.m. Bearcat Basketball ... Rockhurst Jerry Bortner Tournament

Lamkin Gym

#### December 2, 1990

Tower Choir/University Chorale Mary Linn PAC - 3 p.m. Laura Gripp Senior Recital Charles Johnson

Young Guns II/Days of Thunder . The Dugout - 3 p.m. **Jerry Bortner Tournament** 

Lamkin Gym **Dollar Supper** 

Lutheran Campus Center - 6 p.m. **Catholic Mass** University Club N - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Supper Wesley Center - 5 p.m.

#### December 3, 1990

Campus Rec Whiffleball Begins Film: "El Norte"

WH Auditorium - 7 p.m. Cafeteria plan info meeting University Club N - 1 p.m. Cafeteria plan info meeting University Club N - 2:30 p.m. CARE Meeting

Conference Room - 5:30 p.m.

#### December 4, 1990

Jazz Ensemble Concert Mary Linn PAC - 8 p.m. Bearkitten Basketball Missouri Baptist

#### December 5, 1990

John Edmonds senior recital Charles Johnson - 8 p.m.



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SNS.

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#### Read my lips From



Left Field by Don Carrick

Yes! Yes! YES! The scales have been lifted from the eyes of the people! The truth has set the world free of its bonds of doubt and uncertainty! Bells are ringing! Birds are singing! Children are laughing and playing in the streets! The people of the world have finally discovered that Milli

Vanilli CAN'T SING!!! Yes, that incredible performing duo, Milli Vanilli, have finally been found out. In fact, I'm surprised no one found them out sooner, they can barely speak English much less sing it. Of course, we purveyors of true music always knew they didn't have a talented bone between them, we were just waiting for the rest of the world to catch on.

Unfortunately, it took 3 million copies of the album to be sold before some reporter got daring enough to ask, "So, do these badly dressed, in-need-of-a-good-haircut guys really sing?" It also took a couple million in the producers pocket to give him the brass cahonees to say, "Hell no! Do you think I'd let those two goofballs sing in public?" I read that the producer's excuse for not using them in the the voices that I wanted to use on my album."

Obviously they had the look and the dance steps (although I think they dance like sick baboons) to use on stage. Milli Vanilli have said that they hated lying like that to the public, but they were forced into it by their management. Yeah, Do you think it would be popular? it must really be tough to hide the

truth when your sitting in a penthouse being told how much money your raking in.

I heard the news that Milli Vanilli lost their Grammy Award. Sounds good to me, but don't you think they deserve worse than that? I mean, these guys ripped off the artists that were up against them for Best New Artist Award. They also ripped off someone else's voices and made a mint with them. That's like saying you can sing and play the piano and then using a Billy Joel album in concert. It may rock, but it just doesn't roll if you know what I mean.

I think I may have a fitting punishment for them. At first I thought we should just hang signs around their necks that said NO-TALENT LOSERS in big, red neon, but that's not humiliating enough. How's this though? Have them do a tour of America with their own money, but first have them sing on national television. I'm betting that they'd be flat broke by the time they left New York, maybe not because of the concert, but because they got mugged.

Do you think they will have a record deal after this? Or let me ask you this, do you think their contract was ripped up about twenty minutes after the news got out? I can see their next album: "B-b-bb-baby We Didn't Sing This Numstudio was that "they didn't have ber," "Our Career is Over," and the smash hit, "Blame It On The Cash." Hey, they could even go on tour with The New Kids on the Block. They could help each other dance; they could help each other lip-sync; they could get together and whine over how hard it is being a pop star; they could share tape players. Girl, you know it's true!

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#### Finals Schedule - Fall 1990

Classwork ends Thursday, December 13. Final exams begin Thursday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Night classes will test at their regularly scheduled times as follows: Monday night classes on Monday, December 17; Tuesday night classes on Tuesday, December 18; Wednesday night classes on Friday, December 14 and Thursday night classes on Thursday, December 13.

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 10:00 a.m.

 11:00 Monday.
 1:00 p.m.

 Government 102.
 3:30 p.m.

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